

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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Human Cadaver for Medical Studies  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether medical colleges/institutions are facing shortage of the human cadaver for academic and teaching purposes in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has requested the States/UTs and concerned departments/authorities for providing unclaimed dead bodies to the medical colleges/institutions for academic and teaching purposes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the response received in this regard?

**Answer**

(a) to (c): No centralized data regarding shortage of human cadavers for medical education in the country is maintained. Union Government has written to all State/UT Governments to take up matter with concerned authorities for providing unclaimed dead bodies for academic & teaching purposes to the medical colleges/institutions. Some of the State Governments have issued instructions in this regard.